

In the Specification:

At page 1, the paragraph inserted before the "Technical Field" by the amendment dated February 8, 2002, has been replaced with the paragraph shown below:

RELATED PATENT DATA

This patent resulted from a Continuation Application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/146,838, filed September 3, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. ~~6,372,601~~ ~~6,478,978-B1~~, entitled "Isolation Region Forming Methods" the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference.

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